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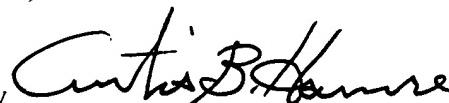
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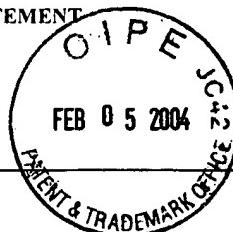
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	JP 2001-343060	Dec. 2001	JAPAN			Abstract	
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